

**ABSTRACT**

A system and method for producing transaction cards, such as gift cards and identification cards, ensures that duplicate and missing cards are eliminated from a group  
5 of cards. Cards may also be provided in an ordered sequence. Each transaction card may include one or more unique identifiers so that each card is uniquely identified from all other cards in the group. Cards in the group may be packaged according to a hierarchy, and the location of each card in the hierarchy may be retained and later used for identifying the location of cards and/or batch activation.